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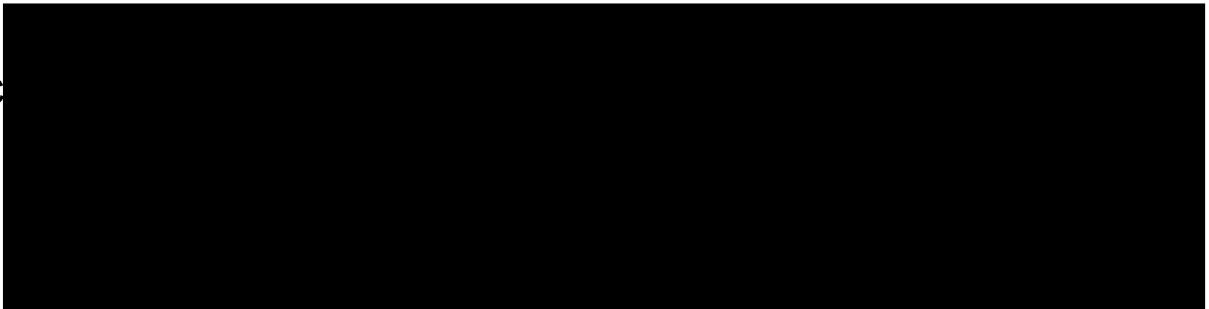
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2. A proposal for a cartography exchange with the USSR should include, for purposes of negotiation, coverage of the following items:

a. Visits to the GUGK, including NRKCh, map factories, and aerogeodetic enterprises, both in Moscow and in regional centers.

b. Visits to Academy of Sciences and selected university cartographic facilities, including Moscow and regional centers.

c. Visits to government agencies, in and out of Moscow, which have cartographic facilities engaged in mapping of the following representative types:

- (1) geomorphological
- (2) forestry
- (3) soils
- (4) land use
- (5) geological

3. If the USSR should accept the above proposal, their exchange delegation can be allowed access to government, commercial and academic cartographic centers in the U. S., including agencies producing topographic maps.

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4. It is unlikely that the USSR will accept an exchange in cartography, especially one which would require a U. S. exchange delegation to have access to topographic map production centers in the USSR. Negotiations would, therefore, probably revolve around visits to non-sensitive, non-topographic map production facilities.

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5. Selection of participants in the exchange will be a critical factor if maximum advantage is to be realized. Professional competence in topographic mapping and in the specialized types of cartography cited would be a necessary prerequisite. Even more important, however, would be a language ability, if not in Russian, at least in a European language that might offer some means of communication with Russian counterparts.

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7. If it is considered feasible to proceed with the above plan, a detailed proposal outlining places of interest in the USSR will be submitted. It would be wasteful to pursue the matter in detail if agreement on the basic considerations cannot be reached.

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